

REMARKS

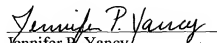
The specification of the subject patent application as filed has been canceled in favor of the accompanying Substitute Specification. The specification corresponds to the specification of PCT/ZA00/00176 filed 21 September 2000. This Substitute Specification generally places the specification in a form more in accordance with the U.S. practice. No new matter is added. A marked-up copy of the specification, which shows the changes made thereto to arrive at the Substitute Specification, is provided for the Examiner's review.

Original claims 1-32 have been canceled in favor of new claims 33-39. These newly presented claims are similar to the claims added to the PCT application and have been written in a form more in accordance with U.S. practice and eliminating multiply dependent claims.

A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. This is generally similar to the Abstract set forth in the published application WO 01/23628. No new matter is being added.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application on its merits, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee is respectfully requested.

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